

WESTAR ENERGY INC /KS
Form 8-K
February 23, 2012

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 OR 15(d) of the
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) February 23, 2012

WESTAR ENERGY, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

KANSAS
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

1-3523
(Commission
File Number)

48-0290150
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

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818 South Kansas Avenue, Topeka, Kansas

(Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (785) 575-6300

66612

(Zip Code)

Not Applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

WESTAR ENERGY, INC.

Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition

On February 23, 2012, we issued a press release announcing our earnings for the period ended December 31, 2011. A copy of our February 23, 2012 press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference. We are also including our 2011 Fourth Quarter and Year-End Earnings package, which is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.2 and is incorporated herein by reference. The information furnished pursuant to this Item 2.02, including Exhibits 99.1 and 99.2, will not be incorporated by reference into any registration statement filed by us under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, unless specifically identified therein as being incorporated by reference.

Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.

We are furnishing our 2012 Earnings Guidance summary, which is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.3 and is incorporated herein by reference. This information is available to the public on our website, <http://www.WestarEnergy.com>. The information furnished pursuant to this Item 7.01, including Exhibit 99.3, will not be incorporated by reference into any registration statement filed by us under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, unless specifically identified therein as being incorporated by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

Exhibit 99.1	Press Release dated February 23, 2012
Exhibit 99.2	2011 Fourth Quarter and Year-End Earnings package
Exhibit 99.3	2012 Earnings Guidance

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Date: February 23, 2012

Westar Energy, Inc.

By: /s/ Larry D. Irick

Name: Larry D. Irick

Title: Vice President, General Counsel and

Corporate Secretary

EXHIBIT INDEX

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